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Senator Patrick J. Leahy  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
24 Dirksen Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

This is to support the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

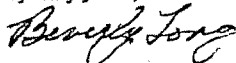
Since 1964, I have been involved in a wide range of associations and federations dedicated to improving the lives of persons with mental illnesses and disabilities. I am the Immediate Past President of the World Federation for Mental Health and have been the president of the the Mental Health Associations of Atlanta, The State of Georgia, and the National Mental Health Association (NMHA). I was a Commissioner on The President's Commission on Mental Health (President Carter), and a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on "Prevention of Mental Disorders" that in 1994 published "Reducing Risks for Mental Disorders: Frontiers for Preventive Intervention Research". Currently and since 1997, I have been a member of the Board of Neuroscience and Behavioral Health of the Institute of Medicine.

I met Mr. Sutton when he consulted for several months in a case with my daughter who is an attorney. My impression is that Mr. Sutton is a sensitive and caring person who is a knowledgeable, ethical, and competent lawyer. I believe he is the kind of attorney who would be a substantive asset to the federal judiciary.

I have followed news reports of the intense lobbying against Mr. Sutton by various persons who advocate on behalf of the disabled. This effort is unfortunate and, I am convinced, misguided. I have no doubt that Mr Sutton would be an outstanding circuit court judge and would rule fairly in all cases, including those involving persons with disabilities.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Mr. Sutton for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Very truly yours,



Beverly B. Long, M.S., M.P.H.

cc Senator Mike DeWine  
cc Senator Orrin Hatch